

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An electric switch module comprising:

at least one electric switch disposed on a carrier, said carrier having a top side;
of which at least one electric switch is a push-pull rocker switch with an actuation member formed by an actuation projection asymmetrical with respect to an axis of said actuation member;

wherein the top side of the carrier with the at least one actuation member of the at least one switch is covered by a flexible outer skin which conformingly encloses a top and at least a portion of an underside of the actuation projection of the actuation member of the at least one rocker switch.

2. (Previously presented) The electric switch module as claimed in claim 1, wherein an underside of the outer skin rests intimately on the top side of the carrier.

3. (Previously presented) The electric switch module as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein a margin of the outer skin is connected with the carrier through an adhesion foam.

4. (Previously presented) The electric switch module as claimed in one of claims 1 or 2, wherein the outer skin further comprises downwardly projecting positioning knobs which engage grooves of the carrier .

5. (Previously presented) The electric switch module as claimed in one of claims 1 or 2, wherein associated with the at least one rocker switch is an actuation protection located beneath the outer skin which functions to prevent an unintentional push actuation on the actuation member to move it into a pull position.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Previously presented) The electric switch module as claimed in one of claims 1 or 2, wherein the outer skin is comprised of a material selected from a group consisting of polyurethane and silicone.

8. (Previously presented) Switch module as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the outside surface of the outer skin is embossed to create a surface pattern.

9. (Previously presented) The electric switch module as claimed claim 3, wherein the outer skin further comprises downwardly projecting positioning knobs which engage grooves of the carrier.

10. (Previously presented) The electric switch module as claimed claim 3, wherein associated with the at least one rocker switch is an actuation protection located beneath the outer skin which functions to prevent an unintentional push actuation on the actuation member to move it into a pull position.

11. (Previously presented) The electric switch module as claimed claim 4, wherein associated with the at least one rocker switch is an actuation protection located beneath the outer skin which functions to prevent an unintentional push actuation on the actuation member to move it into a pull position.

12.- 14 (Cancelled)

15. (Previously presented) The electric switch module as claimed in one of claims 1 or 2, wherein the outer skin further comprises downwardly projecting positioning knobs which engage gaps between the carrier and the switches disposed therein.

16. (Previously presented) The electric switch module as claimed claim 3, wherein the outer skin further comprises downwardly projecting positioning knobs which engage gaps between the carrier and the switches disposed therein.

17. (New) An electric switch module comprising:

at least one electric switch disposed on a carrier, said carrier having a top side;

wherein at least one electric switch is a push-pull rocker switch with an actuation

member formed by an actuation projection asymmetrical with respect to an axis of said actuation member;

a recessed grip formed by the underside of the actuation member; and

wherein the top side of the carrier with the at least one actuation member of the at least one switch is covered by a flexible outer skin which conformingly encloses the actuation projection of the actuation member of the at least one rocker switch such that the recessed grip is accessible to a user.

18. (new) An electric switch module comprising:

at least one push pull switch means disposed on a carrier, said carrier having a top side;

said push pull switch means functioning to allow a user to depress a projection of the

push pull switch means to activate one function and to pull on the projection of the push pull switch means to activate another function;

said push pull switch means having a recessed grip means under the projection

functioning to allow the user to perform the pull motion with a finger tip; and

a flexible cover means conformingly covering the top side of the carrier, the push pull switch means and the projection such that the recessed grip means is accessible and enclosed by the flexible cover means.

19. (New) The electric switch module as claimed in one of claims 17 or 18, wherein associated with the at least one rocker switch is an actuation protection located beneath the outer skin which functions to prevent an unintentional push actuation on the actuation member to move it into a pull position.